

for serving the American public with such distinction and devotion and wishing him much success as he leaves Federal service. We also need to thank his wife Ginny and their three children for supporting him in his public career.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
VICKIE FISH ON HER RETIREMENT
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF GUAM GIRL SCOUTS, INC.

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mrs. Vickie Fish on her retirement as the Executive Director of Guam Girl Scouts, Inc. Vickie joined the Guam Girl Scouts in 1996.

Vickie was born in Milton, Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She left the mainland in 1974 after college to begin her service in the Peace Corps as a teacher and trainer in the Kingdom of Tonga, and she has made the Pacific her home since. She went on to be an acculturation counselor for Pacific Island students at Kahuku Elementary and High School in Hawaii and a program coordinator and trainer in Saipan before making Guam her home.

During her nearly 20 years of service with the Guam Girl Scouts, Inc., Vickie has served as the Chairman of the USA Girl Scouts Overseas Delegation during the Girl Scouts of the USA National Council Session. She is also a member of the Community Board of Directors for Sugar Plum Tree, a local organization that arranges an annual Christmas present drive.

During her time with Guam Girl Scouts, Vickie was able to develop positive relationships between the local Guam chapter and the national staff, as well as with local businesses, government agencies, organizations and individuals. Vickie led the Guam Girl Scouts with clean annual audits and full compliance with government reporting requirements. She also established a wide base of individual and corporate financial support within the community. Vickie and her team were credited for growing the membership in the Guam Girl Scouts to nearly 1,000 members and increasing awareness of what the Girl Scout program offers to all girls.

Additionally, Vickie helped expand many program activities throughout her time with the Guam Girl Scouts. These programs encouraged girls to seek higher education, develop leadership skills, respect and enjoy cultural differences, live healthy lives, and volunteer their time to others, among many other things. Vickie helped young girls understand the needs of others regardless of age, income or resources. She coordinated relief drives and programs for those facing hardship caused by natural disasters and other life-changing events. She always did her best to improve and honor, not only Guam Girl Scouts, but Girl Scouts of the USA with special celebrations and events.

Vickie worked diligently throughout her time on Guam and demonstrated true and genuine

care for the people she served. I congratulate Vickie Fish on her retirement as Executive Director of Guam Girl Scouts, Inc. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her service and thanking Vickie for her many contributions to our island community.

TRIBUTE TO ALUMINUM INDUSTRY
IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICA
RECYCLES DAY

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, we celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15. I rise today to pay tribute to the aluminum industry, which has a prominent role in my district, indeed throughout Iowa, and which probably does more than any sector of our economy to advance the cause of recycling.

Before recounting the many ways in which aluminum, perhaps more than any other material, contributes to the success of recycling programs across the country, let me make clear why we in Iowa benefit so much from the aluminum industry and its hard-working employees.

The aluminum industry is an integral part of the economy of Iowa. The industry operates over 20 facilities, handling all aspects of aluminum manufacturing, throughout Iowa. All told, these facilities employ thousands of workers, and thousands more indirectly and through suppliers. Estimates are that the economic output, between the manufacturing and wholesaling operations in the aluminum industry in Iowa, are around \$2.0 billion. Over one billion dollars more in economic impact in the state derives from suppliers and other indirect contributions to the aluminum industry.

Thankfully, these are good-paying jobs. Estimates are that wages paid are close to \$800 million annually in Iowa as a result of the aluminum industry's footprint in Iowa, taking into account direct and indirect employment. And the state and local governments as a whole benefit, to the tune of well over \$100 million in revenue from the aluminum industry.

With that backdrop, I am pleased to salute the impact of the aluminum industry on recycling. The list of ways in which recycling pays huge dividends to our nation is long. First, recycling aluminum saves more than 90 percent of the energy that would be needed to create a comparable amount of the metal from raw materials. Think of it this way: by recycling a single aluminum can, you are saving enough energy to power a large screen television for more than 2 hours. Rather than the expense and energy consumption associated with mining and processing raw materials to make aluminum products, recycling used aluminum can be done at a tiny fraction of the energy utilization.

That is why recycling is a core business of the aluminum industry. In the U.S., the industry collects nearly 12 billion pounds of aluminum each year for recycling, almost all of which goes back into North American supply. In fact, more than 70 percent of U.S. aluminum production today is in recycled metal—

an exact reversal of the trend in 1980. What's more nearly 75% of all aluminum ever produced around the world is still in use today.

A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the shelf as a new can in as few as 60 days—something that happens over and over again. And last year, the domestic aluminum industry recycled nearly 60 billion cans—that saved the equivalent energy of taking 1 million cars off the road for a year.

Aluminum saves energy in other ways as well. It can be a tremendous factor in enabling buildings to achieve modern energy efficiency standards. The first LEED-certified building in California, for instance, received this recognition in part because of creative uses of aluminum that cools the building naturally.

But energy savings are only part of the story. Companies across the country are incorporating environmental and sustainability objectives into corporate commitments, and aluminum is a major piece of their ability to meet their goals.

Perhaps the best aspect of aluminum's recycling story is its role in job creation. No matter our political persuasion, Mr. Speaker, each of us is committed to the creation of U.S. jobs, and aluminum has a wonderful story to tell here. The collection of aluminum at the curb or in the alley creates thousands of jobs around the country, as does the sorting of aluminum at processing centers. Even more jobs are created at plants that receive recycled aluminum, and turn it into new product. More than 157,000 workers are directly employed in the industry, and for each aluminum industry job, an additional 3.3 employment positions are created elsewhere.

This story will be enhanced by the commitment of car and truck manufacturers to the widespread use of aluminum in vehicle bodies and parts in the interest of increasing fuel economy by lightweighting vehicles. As these vehicles are no longer in use, rather than being thrown on the scrap heap, they too can be recycled, thereby creating even more jobs.

The aluminum industry is a major economic driver in my state and district. In recognition of America Recycles Day, it is appropriate to tip our hat to an industry that has such a positive influence on our nation's economy, and its people.

HONORING IDA SCHWARTZ IN
CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Ida Schwartz in celebration of reaching her 100th birthday.

As she reflects on the great memories that have highlighted the past hundred years, I know she will think fondly on all that she's accomplished and the positive impact she's had on New Hampshire.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ms. Schwartz on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish her the best on all future endeavors.